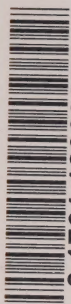


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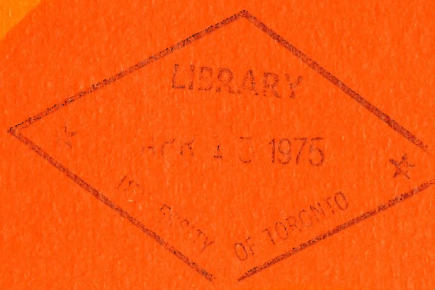
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Volunteers in Action

PROBATION/AFTERCARE (JUVENILES)



Ministry of
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DO YOU

Want to share an interest . . .

give something of yourself to another . . .

Wish to do something worthwhile ...

Want an opportunity for personal growth . . .

Wish to give a direct personal service . . .

Want a challenge which is interesting . . .

enjoyable . . .

provides new social contacts . . .

Wish to expand your knowledge . . . ???

THEN

We believe that you can find rewarding involvement as a Volunteer in corrections.



HOW

You can become involved on a personal basis with someone who so far has not succeeded in life and who, with you as a friend, just might. You may be able to provide some of the understanding and insight which has previously been lacking in the world of a young person who is learning and growing under difficulties.

WITH WHOM

Many young people who appear before the Provincial Court (Family Division) need help in the community. They are perceived of by the Courts as requiring help and guidance which could be provided by a close relationship with a mature adult. They are placed on probation and are required to report to such a person (a probation/aftercare officer). You may wish to be that person.

OR

Should you wish to be involved in another way, many alternative opportunities for service in probation exist. Opportunities also exist in aftercare, helping young people when they return to the community from a training school.

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WHY A VOLUNTEER

A volunteer assists probation/aftercare staff in many ways and can add new dimensions to any program. Important among the many things you have to offer is that you are not seen as part of the criminal justice system and can often be effective because that invisible, official barrier disappears. For the young person in trouble with the law, a helping relationship with one individual can be very important.

In working with young people, as friend or advocate, the volunteer often provides a link between family, school and the community. By receiving appropriate aid, encouragement and assistance, the young person may continue to live in the community and receive help in solving his problems and developing his capabilities.

HOW LONG

The commitment is to a person and therefore becomes a very 'interpersonal' matter. A year is average, and a volunteer spends about 4 to 5 hours a month with a youngster.

TRAINING

Yes, you will share in a training experience which will assist you to make full use of your skills. The subjects covered will be probation law and its philosophy as well as some of the principles of human relationships.

FOR INFORMATION

Write to:

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asking for our booklet 'Volunteer Opportunities in Corrections.'

OR

Check the telephone number of your local probation office (listed under Government of Ontario) and give them a call.

